

SENATOR NICHOL: Mr. Chairman, members of the Legislature. I would like to ask Senator Warner a question. Would the owner or the treasurer set the month or the time that these vehicles would be registered?

SENATOR WARNER: Let me refer this to Senator Kelly because I don't have a copy of his amendment so I don't know.

SENATOR NICHOL: Senator Kelly, did you hear the question?

SENATOR KELLY: The owner.

SENATOR NICHOL: The owner would choose the month. Now if you had two vehicles would it be up to the treasurer to say "Mr. Kelly, I choose to have these both at the same time"? Don't you think that they would probably do that anyway?

SENATOR KELLY: Under the statutes they cannot. Cars have to be registered when they're purchased. In other words, if you happen to get them both in February you could register them in February, but you can't change from that.

SENATOR NICHOL: Alright. How many vehicles do you have now, and they're purchased at different times during the year but you have them now? Do they go back and find out when you purchased that, say in 1974 in October and that is the date when they would license that vehicle? I'm talking about the ones that you do own now, not the ones that you buy in the future.

SENATOR KELLY: The way it worked this last year was the automobiles that we bought in 1976 we paid the prorate up through December and then licensed them all in January because we had to do it on a calendar year, and the calendar year starts in January. If we would be allowed an option to choose to put those in March, in a year or so we'd be in March and that would start giving staggering to the bulk registration people.

SENATOR NICHOL: Alright, fine. Thank you. The other question for Senator Warner was.... I forgot what it was now. If you have these vehicles staggered, or if you have several vehicles in counties other than Douglas and Lancaster, would there be a problem to license these even in January or February? I can understand why there would be a problem, but once they are all registered at the same time, even though it be in January and February, what would be wrong with that?

SENATOR WARNER: That's the way it is now.

SENATOR NICHOL: Yes. What's the matter with that, other than Lancaster and Douglas county?

SENATOR WARNER: As far as I'm concerned there is not a problem. Apparently the treasurers thought it was a problem, Senator Nichol. I gather from Senator Mills remarks, and asked that the bill be introduced, the staggering was not being distributed enough because of the requirement that if you had three vehicles they had to be January and February.

SENATOR NICHOL: Thank you Senator Warner. Senator Mills, do you know if this is a problem in counties other than Lancaster and Douglas?